



## Calendar of Events January – December 2008

Please remember that this is a LONG RANGE / preliminary 2008 calendar. **Events will be added, some may be cancelled and details may change.** Please call the monument at (563) 873-3491 or check our website ([www.nps.gov/efmo](http://www.nps.gov/efmo)) for more details closer to the event date or to volunteer to assist with programs.

January 5- March 31	<b>45th Annual Winter Film Festival</b>	Each week, films on a variety of local and national topics will be shown in the visitor center. Movies will be shown at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 each Saturday, Sunday, and on Monday afternoon at 1:00. These programs are free to the public.
February 2	<b>Owl Prowl</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Explore the life of one of nature's most fascinating creatures by joining Effigy Mounds National Monument staff for an "Owl Prowl." The Yellow River Boardwalk Trail covers less than a mile and is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. Visitors of all ages are invited to learn about owls and their calls. <i>Please call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491 Beginning January 28, 2008.</i>
February 23	<b>Prairie du Chien Bald Eagle Appreciation Day</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Location: Wisconsin Welcome Center and co-host site, AmericInn Hotel &amp; Suites, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.</b>  Educational bald eagle exhibits and programs, outdoor scopes for viewing, and mini field trips to other viewing areas. Birding experts will be on hand to answer questions. Co-sponsored by Effigy Mounds National Monument. <b>Times and topics for educational programs be announced after December 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>
April 20 – 27	<b>National Park Week &amp; Earth Day</b>	Annual weeklong celebration of America's National Parks beginning on Earth Day, Saturday April 22. Please call after March 20, 2008 for updated event details—including volunteer conservation projects. Special Hikes, conservation projects and programs. Will be announced after January 1, 2008
April - September	<b>Guided Bird Walks</b>	Departing from the visitor center, one guided bird walk will be held each month beginning May 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>International Migratory Bird Day</b> , Other walks are scheduled to leave on June 14 <sup>th</sup> , July 12 <sup>th</sup> , August 23 <sup>rd</sup> & September 27 <sup>th</sup> .
June 14 - Sept. 1	<b>Ranger Programs</b>  <b>Junior Ranger Saturdays</b>	<b>Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m: Hikes, Walks and Talks</b> that discuss the history of the mounds and nature.  Saturday, 10:00 a.m. > A special Junior Ranger hike or activity will be held which can then be followed by a Junior Ranger activity guidebook, signing out a Discovery Pack, or attending one of the other park programs.

**Ranger Choice  
Programs**

**Impromptu programs when staffing allows - (sometimes  
available upon request)**

**Ancient Indian Tools** Learn about various tools and implements used by ancient American Indians. Hands on activities will include objects such as stone points, spear launchers (atlatl) and fire starters.

**Atlatl Demonstrations** Learn how this ancient spear launcher was utilized by American Indians to hunt wild game.

**3-Mound Talk** A condensed version of the Fire Point Hike for those not able to join the full tour.

**Prairie Walks** Visit the restored tall grass prairie along the Fire Point Trail. This two mile round trip hike will take approximately 2 hours.

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**Indian Village / Boardwalk Trail.** Tour our reconstructed Indian village and garden area; enjoy a one mile round trip walk into the wetlands below the visitor center.

**June - July Teachers Workshops**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

Programs that are geared for teacher education about Native American Culture and prehistoric history. By reservation only; check for information in March 2008.

**August 16<sup>th</sup> &  
October 11<sup>th</sup> Moonlight Hikes**

Presented annually, these popular activities can include walks along the Yellow River Bridge Boardwalk Trail and hikes the long the Fire Point Trail to the top of the bluff. Effigy mound building culture, the impact of the historic settlement period and moonlit views of the Mississippi Yellow River Valleys are featured.

***Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on the preceding Monday (August 11/Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>). Call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.***

**August 25 National Park Service  
Founders Day**

**Fee Free Day!** To celebrate the 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, August 25, 1916. **No entrance fees will be charged.**

***Please call after August 1, 2008 for specific events.***

**September 27 National Public Lands Day**

**Fee Free Day**

The National Park Service will join other agencies for a Fee free day in celebration of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers across the country celebrate National Public Lands Day by assisting with conservation projects on their favorite public lands. Call after September 3<sup>rd</sup> for details.

October 4- 5	<b><i>Annual HawkWatch Weekend</i></b>	<p><b>Celebrate the annual fall migration!</b>            Enjoy fall foliage with live raptor demonstrations, adult educational programs, children's activities, and hawk banding catch and release). <b>Programs and activities from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><i>Please call after September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for specific events.</i></p>
October 1 - 31	<b><i>Iowa Archaeology Month</i></b>	<p>Special programs are scheduled during the annual recognition of Iowa's archaeological past. <b><i>Please call the visitor center at 563- 873-3491 after August 1<sup>st</sup> for specific dates and events.</i></b></p>
October 11	<b><i>Moonlight Hike</i></b>	<p>This popular activity can include walks along the Yellow River Bridge Boardwalk Trail and hikes the along the Fire Point Trail. With good weather, moonlit views of the Mississippi &amp; Yellow River Valleys are featured.</p> <p><b><i>Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on the preceding Monday (Oct 6). Call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.</i></b></p>
November	<b><i>Native American History Month</i></b>	<p><i>Every month is Native American History Month at Effigy Mounds National Monument! Visit the park to learn about ancient American Indians and their legacy.</i></p>
December 6	<b><i>Holiday Open House</i></b>	<p><b>Visitor Center:</b> Refreshments, Bookstore items 10% off.</p>



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